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SUBJ: TRANSPORTATION TO AIRPORT

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- 1. EMBASSY CONSULTED BEIRUT EXPRESS RE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS FROM CHRISTIAN AREAS TO AIRPORT. THAT FIRM CAN ARRANGE MOVEMENT ON SOME DAYS, DEPENDING ON SITUATION. PASSENGERS TO BE MOVED, HOWEVER, MUST MEET BEIRUT EXPRESS IN FRONT OF SURETE GENERAL HEADQUARTERS ON MOSLEM/CHRISTIAN DIVIDING LINE. FOR PERSONS FROM CHRISTIAN AREAS, DANGER REACHING THAT POINT IS RANDOM SNIPING, LEVEL OF WHICH VARIES FROM DAY TO DAY. FROM SURETE GENERAL, BEIRUT EXPRESS TRANSPORTS TO AIRPORT. THEIR REPRESENTATIVE CLAIMS ABLE PROVIDE RELATIVELY HIGH DEGREE OF SECURITY AT VARIOUS ROAD BLOCKS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT SOME DANGER WOULD EXIST AND THAT THERE ARE NO GUARANTEES FOR ANYBODY IN BEIRUT THESE DAYS. COSTS DEPEND ON NUMBER OF PERSONS INVOLVED, BUT WOULD APPROXIMATE LL 200 (ABOUT \$80) PER AUTOMOBILE LOAD.
- 2. EMBASSY REMAINS OF OPINION THAT MOST SECURE MEANS OF DEPARTURE FROM CHRISTIAN AREAS IS VIA SHIP FROM JOUNIEH. AGENT IS EAGLE TRAVEL AGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER 930845. SHIPS LEAVE DAILY. PASSENGERS SHOULD BE AT AGENCY OFFICE BY THREE IN AFTERNOON, MOVE TO HARBOR AT 9:00 P.M. FOR 11:00 P.M. SAILING. TRIP TAKES ABOUT 15 HOURS. CURRENT COST IS LL 250, APPROXIMATELY \$100. BROWN

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